

Dear FCC commisioners,

We are requesting that the esteemed commissioners of the FCC vote a resounding NO to relaxing further the rules on how many media outlets a corporation can own in the same market. The relaxing of the rules during the previous administration has brought a blandness and fewer diverse opinions in the media, and we are urging you not to relax them any further. We grew up in the San Francisco Bay Area, where creative and challenging radio progamming began in the late 60's. Now, with one corporation owning 7 outlets in this area, playlists are conservative, formats are rigid new artists are shut out, and the Bay Area sounds like any other region. On TV news, "tie-ins" plug a movie, TV show or book made by the parent corporation and make a mockery of journalistic integrity. If a recording artist has different opinions than the current administration, they can find their records blacklisted, not by a station manager or two, but by a whole corporation. This is what's happening now, and any further relaxing of the multiple ownership rules will only make it worse. The only winners will be media moguls who are friends of the current administration, the losers will be the American people, diversity of opinion and freedom of expression.

Sincerely,  
Kent & Catherine Kavasch